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## **ANCHORAGE WOMAN INDICTED FOR BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, May 23, 2008, that Annie B. Shinault, of Anchorage, Alaska, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage on a charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The two-count indictment named Shinault, age 36, of 3117 Peterkin Street in Anchorage, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, Shinault, who has convictions for first-degree assault and misconduct involving a controlled substance, as well as a previous 2002 conviction for being a felon in possession of a firearm, was found in possession of a .22 caliber handgun and ammunition on April 24, 2007.

Assistant United States Attorney Andrea Steward, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offense and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant. Shinault is currently in state custody on another matter.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Anchorage Police Department conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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